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GOVERNMENT ORNITHOLOGIST HONORED BY DENMARK

Frederick C. Lincoln, special assistant to the director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, has been awarded an honorary membership in Denmark's leading ornithological association, the Dansk Ornithologisk.

A hand-inscribed certificate and a silver medal represent the Danish organization's appreciation of Mr. Lincoln's contributions, on an international scale, to the science of birds.

The Danish award comes from an organization founded by Professor Hans Christian Cornelius Mortensen, ornithological pioneer and father of scientific birdbanding.

Applying some of Professor Mortensen's methods, along with experience gained as curator of ornithology at the Colorado Museum of Natural History, Mr. Lincoln began his Federal service in 1920 by developing the birdbanding work of the Bureau of Biological Survey, a parent organization of the Fish and Wildlife Service. This work, inherited from the American Bird Banding Association, dealt with the placing of identification bands on the legs of wild birds in order to trace the birds' movements and other factors in their life histories.

Mr. Lincoln made major contributions to the "flyway" concept of bird migrations, and to the waterfowl inventory. During 1935 he was made chief of the Bureau's section of bird distribution and migration. In this capacity Mr. Lincoln became an authority on the habits and movements of birds. He has since taken a leading role in international bird conservation, having exchanged ideas and methods with ornithologists in many parts of the world.

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